

Washington, DC – Today Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA) issued the following statement expressing his disappointment that funding for this crucial project had been cut. The Defense Authorization Bill, which passed earlier this spring, included \$XYZ, while the Defense Appropriations Bill cut that by \$abc. — “The Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) helicopter program is a vital component in the process to strengthen and improve our military. I am disappointed that the funding has been cut also because these helicopters are built in Delaware County but also because they are safer and better

It also advances the Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) helicopter program, which will be built by Boeing in Delaware County, and invests resources in the research and development of safer, new equipment for our troops, such as a portable mobile emergency broadband systems to improve communications for our troops on the ground.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.